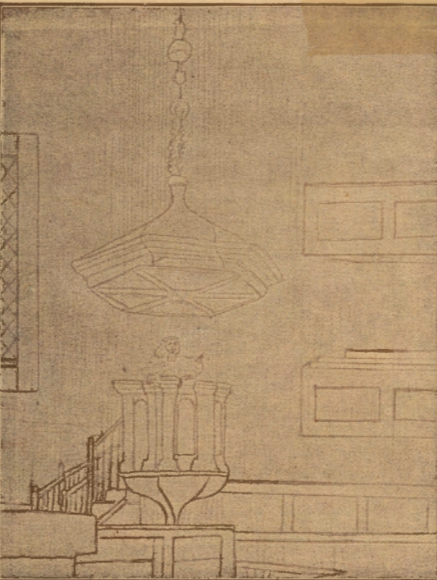




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SCENES from our TOWN'S HISTORY

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In Commemoration of

THE ORDINATION OF THE FIRST MINISTER

of the

SOUTH CHURCH

23 : SEPTEMBER : 1713

Episode I.—The First Meeting House, 1711.

(a) The "Seating of the Meeting-House."

(b) The Ordination of the first Minister, Rev. Benjamin Prescott.

In charge of Rev. N. C. Maynard, Mrs. Mary P. Torrey
and Miss Alice E. Trask.

(a) "We approached a building nearly square, the windows of which were composed of small panes of diamond shaped glass; there was a single door in front, a porch at each end; the roof meeting from the four sides at the top, which was surmounted by a small belfry. Opposite the door stood the oaken Pulpit, rudely carved. A bell-rope hung dangling from the roof into the aisle." ("A Dream," by Fitch Poole.)

Box Pews lined the wall on the floor, and above, were two galleries. (Ch. Rec.)

7th Nov. 1711:—I went to ye fast at Capt. Gardner's new Meeting-House.

25th Nov. 1711:—This was the first Sabbath that ye people met in ye Meeting-House by Capt. Gardner's.

12th Feb. 1712:—Mr. Prescott here today. (Settled by vote of church, 4th, March, 1712.)

(b) 22nd Sept. 1713:—I went with my wife to the Ordination of Mr. Prescott.

We gathered the Church in the morning at Capt. Gardner's (Meeting-House.)

Mr. Cheever was chosen Moderator, Mr. Prescott preached, (2nd Corrin. 5 and 19th v.)

Mr. Shepard gave ye Charge and I the Right Hand of Fellowship. Mr. Blowers concluded. (From Diary of Rev. Joseph Green, of Salem Village Church.)

Widow Parnell, who sweeps the Meeting-House, Elsie Blaney; Capt. Samuel Gardner, and Sarah, his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Moore; Mr. James Holten, George Price; Rev. Benjamin Prescott, Rev. Newell C. Maynard; Rev. Samuel Cheever of Marblehead, Rev. G. W. Penniman; Rev. Jeremiah Shepard of Lynn, Rev. Herbert Walker; Rev. Joseph Green of Salem Village, Rev. Chas. S. Bodwell; Rev. Thomas Blowers of Beverly, Rev. Chas. A. Towne; Deacon and Mrs. Abraham Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frye; Deacon Samuel Cutler, who lines the psalms, Mr. George Millet; Bell man, Sam'l Stacy, Dan'l Goodrich; Samuel Goldthwaite, Ed. Barrett; Mr. John Trask, Sen'r, Chas. M. Poor; Samuel Endecott, Howard Bodge; William Osborne, Sen'r, Lyman P. Osborn; William Osborne, his wife Hannah, Hannah M. Palmer; Col Samuel Epes, Harry Whidden; Elizabeth Very, Fannie Gay; Nath'l Felton, his wife Ann, Mrs. Eliza P. Pray; Robert Wilson, his wife Mary, Mrs. Dollie Wilson; Hepsibah Sheldon, Mrs. Wm. Becket; Ruth Felton, Harriet Felton; Freegrace Marble, his wife Mary, Mrs. D. B. Lord; Katharin Daland, Carrie Upton; Priscilla Brown, Ethel Brown; Benjamin Procter, his wife Mary, Harriet Thacher; John Jacobs, his wife Mary, Hattie Trask; John Waters, his wife Mary, Anna Thacher; Anthony Needham, Jun'r, his wife Mary, Sarah J. C. Needham; Elizabeth Cook, Hattie Smith; Col. Daniel Epes, his wife, Mrs. Abbott B. Galloupe; Alis Shafin, Mary A. Forness; Capt. John Gardner, his wife Elizabeth, Marion Taylor; Mistress Buxton, Beth Warner.

Episode II.—Living Room of Squire Daniel and Hannah (Prescott) Epes, 1760-'65.

(a) In charge of Mrs. Susan L. Ferguson.
The Children's Hour.

Hannah (Prescott) Epes, Mrs. Susan L. Ferguson; Joseph Epes, Joseph J. Thorndike, Jr.; William Epes, Willis Moore; Sarah Epes, Gladys Ingraham; Mary Epes, Elizabeth Gurley.

Songs:—Mother Goose—"Little Boy Blue," Warren Dennis; "Little Bo-Peep," Judith Barnes; "Ride a Cock Horse," Andrew Paton; "Little Miss Muffet," Norma Jeffers.

(b) In charge of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Bushby.
The French and Indian War, 1759-1760. Jonathan Procter's Story.

Daniel Epes, Esq., Willard W. Woodman; Elizabeth Epes, his daughter, Addie Blair; Judith Flint, her friend, Alice Chamberlain; Hannah Procter, Jonathan's Aunt, Abby Trask; Thorndike Procter, Jonathan's Uncle, Chester Potter; Ebenezer Jacobs, Jonathan's Uncle, Horace Farnham; Joseph Procter, Elizabeth's friend, Harold Bliss; Jonathan Procter, just from Louisburg, Arthur Glacken.

(c) In charge of Miss Nettie M. Willey and Mrs. E. C. Osborn.

The Acadians in Danvers, 1756-1766.

Archelaus Dale, Town Clerk, Henry D'Entremont, Jr.; Joseph Landry, Henry L. D'Entremont; Jno. Baptist Landry, Franklin D'Entremont; Rossale Landry, Elizabeth Ingraham.

(d) In charge of Miss Bessie Cleaveland, Hannah Epes.

The Choir Rehearsal, William Pool, leader.

(The choir will appear in several Episodes.)

Hannah Shillaber, Mrs. Alice M. Thomas; Elizabeth Shillaber, Frances Mueller; Damaris Osborn, Charlotte Yonge; Hannah Daland, Marion Williams; Mehitabel Foster, Dorothy Craig; Amee Rea, Mary Langelles; Rebecca Prescott, Elizabeth Winchester; Sarah Derby, Mrs. Hubert Leach; Deacon Malachi Felton, Hubert Leach; Jonathan Cutler, Harry Partridge; Joseph Goldthwaite, Fred Langelles; Samuel Jennison, Harold Bliss; William Endicott, Eldon Wilson; Samuel Cook, John Glichouse; Stephen Goodhue, Karl Woodman.

EPISODE I. (Continued.)

Mehitabel Endecott, Marjorie D. Taylor; Abigail Jacobs, Gladys Ingraham; Elizabeth Jacobs, Alice Partridge; Abigail Felton, Marguerite Johanson; Mary Houlton, Barbara Johanson; Eunice Trask, Doris Fellows; Christian Trask, Clara Fellows; Bethia Gardner, Doris Allen; Ruth Gardner, Anna Jackson; Esther Goldthwaite, Louise Burbeck; Luther Simonds, William Munroe; Abel Gardner, Willis Moore; Daniel Epes, Jack Munroe.

Episode III.—Wedding Reception, 1763.

In charge of Miss M. E. Poole and Miss M. M. Farley.

Rebecca Prescott, daughter of Hon. Benjamin Prescott, Jr., was married to Roger Sherman, 12:May:1763, in the North parlor, at No. 72 Central St. "Rebecca was a great beauty and a fine horse-woman and she must have ridden straight into Roger Sherman's heart.....Rebecca Sherman was chosen and requested to make the first flag ever made in Connecticut." (Mrs. K. P. Bennett.)

Roger Sherman was the only man whose signature was affixed to all four of the most important documents ever drawn up by the founders of our Republic.

(a) Children at Play—In the Garden.

Battledore and Shuttlecock—Priscilla Gardner, Olive Southwick; Jane Frost, Sally Teague.

Hoops—Elizabeth Prescott, Marjorie Cowdrey; Mary Frost, Dorothy Cowdrey.

Tops, Marbles, etc.—John Sherman, Charlie Mackintosh; William Prescott, Allen Munroe; John Waters, Horace Southwick.

Jackstones—Sarah Gardner, Elizabeth Gourley.

London Bridge—John Frost, Willis Moore; Nathaniel Pepperell Frost, Calvin Kennard; Geo. Pepperell Frost, Delano Kennard; Thomas Gardner, William Munroe; William Epes, Donald Whidden; Elizabeth Sherman, Elizabeth Mackintosh; Marcy Prescott, Nancy Barnes; Lucy Low, Bettie King; Mary Epes, Evelyn Hall; Sarah Epes, Margaret Batchelder.

(b) The Wedding Party.

The Rev. Benjamin Prescott, Rev. Newell C. Maynard; Mrs. Mary (Pepperell) Prescott, Frances Porter; Hon. Benjamin Prescott, Albert Robinson; Roger Sherman, Richards B. Mackintosh; Rebecca (Prescott) Sherman (the Bride) Elizabeth Winchester; Capt. Daniel Epes, Willard W. Woodman; Mrs. Hannah (Prescott) Epes, Mrs. W. W. Woodman; Abigail Frost, Edyth R. Porter; Elizabeth Epes, Mrs. Albert Robinson; Mary Frost, Mrs. Harry Whidden; Betsey Rand, Mary E. Poole; Abigail Gardner, Barbara Warner; Mary (Newmarch) Prescott, Dorothy D. O. Palmer.

(c) The Minuet.

In charge of Miss Dorothy D. O. Palmer.

Martha Prescott, Elizabeth O. Palmer; Hannah Epes, Dorothy Cooper; Mary Proctor, Sally Osborn; Abigail Frost, Ruth Chamberlain; Stephen Goodhue, Raymond King; Peter Clark, Earl Woodman; Joseph Proctor, James Paige, Joseph Osborne, Ralph Raymond.

Episode IV.—The Revolution, 1775.

In charge of Mr. Willard Woodman and Mr. Albert Robinson.

The Revolution.

- (a) 19th of April, 1775:—"At nine o'clock in the morning, the ringing of the bell, and the roll of drum, summoned the men to their rendezvous, 'the Crotch in the road by Francis Symond's' Bell Tavern."
- (b) Captain Samuel Flint's reply to an officer who proposed a place of meeting, was: "Where the enemy is, there will you meet me." (D. P. King.)
- (c) 17th of June, 1775, Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Endicott, exclaims, with patriotic fervor, (to Col. Pickering):—"Why on earth don't you march? Don't you hear the guns in Charlestown?" (T. M. Osborne.)
- (d) Dame Quaker Southwick scorned to share
With Men of War, her basket store,
Yet swift her heart outran her creed,
She gave them all they asked and more. (Rev. A. P. Putnam.)
- (e) "Chester." "The Battle Hymn of the Revolution."
"Let tyrants shake their iron rod;
And Slav'ry clank her galling chains;
We fear them not; we trust in God;
New England's God forever reigns."

Col. Timothy Pickering, Harry Trask; Elias Hasket Derby, Charles S. Goldthwaite; Capt. Samuel Flint, Harry Partridge; Capt. Caleb Low, Warren R. Bowen; Capt. Samuel Epes, Arthur Manning; Capt. Gideon Foster, Caleb Warner; Lieut. George Southwick, Howard Burbeck; Elizabeth Endicott, Mrs. Adelaide D. Blaney; Bethia Southwick, Mrs. S. S. Littlefield; Tamsin Southwick, Mary Nichols; Esther Southwick, Julia Brooks.

Lieut. Benjamin Jacobs, Orville Burbeck; Ebenezer Goldthwaite, Frank Reynolds; Benjamin Daland, Arthur Littlefield; Samuel Cook, Nathaniel Ames; Henry Jacobs, Herbert Clothey; Sylvester Osborne, Charles Mackintosh; Andrew Munroe, Allan Munroe; Dennison Wallis, Elliot Penniman; John Endicott, Howard Bodge; Nathaniel Newhall, Osborn Palmer; Hephzibah Burrill, Dorothea Sawtelle; Elizabeth Silver, Alice E. Teague; Ede Upton, Marion Taylor; Mercy Jacobs, Beth Warner; Susanna Southwick, Katherine Enlind; Rebecca Harwood, Marguerite Becket; Desire Duncklee, Hildur Enlind; Nancy Marble, Mrs. Minnie Shanahan; Hannah Epes, Alice Woodman.

Huldah Marble, Ruth Lord; Eunice Marsh, Ruth Ames; Judith Procter, Ruth Bagley; Deliverance Osborn, Ethel Watts; Experience Downing, Louise Burbeck; Betsey Wilson, Frances Manning; Mercy Cook, Dorothy Wiggan.

Episode V.—The Wedding Tea-Party, 1814.

In charge of Miss Helen Merrill.

• The Founding of "The Benevolent Society."

Nearly a century ago, as the War of 1812 drew to a close, a movement was started in this town for the relief of the privation and want so keenly felt by many of its people. Little can we realize now the widespread lack, in that period of stress, of our common necessities of life. In a spirit of brotherly kindness and charity, a number of people, gathered together on the occasion of the "wedding tea party" of Mr. and Mrs. Eben S. Upton, on the tenth of May, 1814, organized the Female Benevolent Society of the South Parish of Danvers, a society which is still in active existence. Forty-nine women composed the original organization, the constitution for which was drawn up by the Rev. Samuel Walker of the South Congregational Church.

This was the second movement to distinguish the year 1814 in this town. In the preceding February the Danvers Moral Society for the Suppression of Intemperance was organized by Dr. Andrew Nichols, Sylvester Osborn, Fitch Pool, Edward Southwick and others.

Eighteen years later, when Miss Maria Winchester was married to Dr. Joseph Osgood, she gave the \$25, the cost of the customary wedding wine, to enroll herself as a life member of the Benevolent Society.

Cast:—Sally R. (Winchester) Upton, Mrs. Eben S. Upton; Hannah Barrett, Mary E. Osgood; Mary Torrey, Mrs. C. H. Brooks; Clarissa Wilson, Mrs. Elmer Poor; Thankful McIntire, Mrs. Clara F. Moreland; Eunice Winchester, Eliza L. Osgood; Maria Winchester, Mary L. Lamont; Sophia W. Walker, Mrs. George Wallace Penniman; Sarah Smith, Mrs. Henry Folsom; Ruth Nichols, Mary Nichols; Rev. Samuel Walker, Rev. George Wallace Penniman; Eben Sprague Upton, Eben Sprague Upton; Oliver Felton, school-master, Natt Buxton; Dr. Andrew Nichols, Andrew Nichols; Fitch Pool, Henry Folsom; Sylvester Osborne, Joseph Chandler.

Guests:—Mrs. G. R. Nelson, Elsie M. Chandler, Helen Wilson, Evelyn Chandler, Doris Kingsley, Greta Johnson, Eliza Johnson, Dorothy Penniman, Rebecca Ferguson, Rodman Ferguson.

Episode VI.—The Civil War, 1861-'65.

- (a) Union Soldier's Aid Society, organized in South Church, April 24, 1861.
- (b) Camp Life, 1861-1865.

In charge of Mrs. Ida M. Barker, Mrs. Lillie E. Carr, and Mrs. Lizzie Hutchinson; Comander J. K. Cole and Commander Langmaid.

Mrs. Ida M. Barker, president; Mrs. Lily E. Carr, vice-president; Mrs. Alice A. Tuttle, vice-president; Mrs. Anna E. Ferrin, Mrs. M. J. Brown, Mrs. Fannie I. Eldridge, Mrs. Anna Skinner, Mrs. Ella C. Wright, Mrs. Angie Carter, Mrs. Viola E. Eldridge, Mrs. Lillie Tibbetts, Mrs. Grace M. Hutchinson, Mrs. Lillian Tenney, Mrs. Grace M. Tenney, Mrs. Nellie Lord, Mrs. Ivy Hanscom, Mrs. Viola E. Eldridge, Helen Hager, Ivy Wright, Master Wendell Wright, J. K. Cole, Commander Post 50, William Becket, Benj. N. Moore, Franklin Larrabee, Peter Brown, Color Bearer, George Abbott, Richard Smith, George Langmaid, Cyrus Tenney, Drummer, Charles Carr, Fife, William Goodridge, William Strout, Charlie Carter.

Founders of Society in 1861.

Mrs. Henry Cook, president U. S. A. S., Mrs. Eben Sutton, vice-president, Mrs. Charles Lambert, Mrs. Kendall Osborn, Mrs. Paul Hildreth, Mrs. George A. Osborne, Mrs. John B. Peabody, Mrs. Luther Fernald, Mrs. Paul Buxton, Mrs. Charles E. Brown, Mrs. Daniel Woodbury, Mrs. Alpheus Bancroft, Mrs. Luscomb, Mrs. O. Kimball, treasurer, Miss E. O. Proctor, secretary,

Consulting Committee:—Sydney C. Bancroft, Esq., Dr. George Osborne, Dr. Joseph Osgood, Benj. C. Perkins, Esq., Eben S. Poor, Dr. D. C. Perkins, Eben Sutton, Esq., Elijah Upton, Esq., Amos Merrill, Esq.

Pre-Revolution Events.

October and December, 1765.—Instructions given their Representative, (Mr. Thomas Porter) by the General Court against the Stamp Act and other internal taxes, etc.

June 1772—Dr. Samuel Holten, Tarrant Putnam and Capt. William Shilaber chosen a committee of correspondence. Rev. Nathan Holt procures a musket and performs drill-service regularly in Capt. Epes Company.

September 27, 1774—Instructions to Dr. Holten to adhere to chartered rights.

November 21, 1774—Town voted to adhere strictly to recommendations of Provincial Congress thereby repudiating the government of England.

January 9, 1775—Voted to arm each man and provide for frequent discipline.

January 19, 1775—Voted that no parties of feasting and dancing be held in town.

February 26, 1775—Sermon cut short and Rev. Nathan Holt accompanied Captain Epes' Company to Salem on the alarm for the affair at the North Bridge.

Episode VII.—George Peabody, 1856.

Reception to George Peabody, October 9, 1856.

In charge of Miss Harriet S. Thacher.

"This was a Red Letter Day in the Calendar of the Town."

"Although England was his abiding place, America was his home, Danvers, now Peabody, his cherished birthplace."

"Has language better words than these?"

The Friend of all his race, God bless Him!" (Oliver Wendell Holmes.)

Order of Parade.

Marshal—George Abbott.

Aids—John Teague, F. Sanger, Robert Sim, A. Sim, J. J. Conner, H. Lovelace.

England, Scotland, Ireland, District of Columbia.

High School Banner, Philip Nichols.

The Thirteen Original States.

Members of Peabody High School. Teacher—Miss Loud. Pupils—

Bertha Goodwin, Eleanor Quint, Marion Ellis.

Banner—Francis Boetner, Katherine Conner, Ruth Dow, Esther Burbeck, Helen Southwick.

Banner—Charles Smith, Pearl Clark, Mona Hayward, Marion Quint, Bertha Johanson, Ruth Manning, Lilian Madison.

Banner—District No. 6, Felton School—Lawrence Madison.

Song—"Home Again." Words by Miss Ann Page of Danvers, 1856.

Hon. A. A. Abbott—Warren B. Dennis.

George Peabody—Arthur F. Poole.

(The Banners were all carried in the Parade of 1856.)

Episode VIII.—"Peabody," 1865.

The Naming of the Town—"Peabody"—Celebrated, May 13, 1868.

In charge of Dorothy Danvers Osborn Palmer.

Red—Doris Kingsley, Alice Littlefield, Alice Chamberlain, Dorothy Cooper, Evelyn Chandler, Sally Teague, Marjorie Munroe.

White—Karl Woodman, Ralph Raymond, James Paige, Raymond King, Rufus King, Herman Barnes.

Blue—Elizabeth O. Palmer, Ruth Chamberlain, Sally Osborn, Beth Warner, Alice Munroe, Madeleine Barnes, Helen Taylor.

President, Peabody Historical Society, Rev. George Wallace Penniman.

Stage Director for Pageant, Fred W. Bushby.

Chairman of Pageant Committee, Mrs. Lyman P. Osborn.

In charge of Costumes, Lyman P. Osborn.

Part of Salem Cadet Orchestra—Clinton Messer, Director.